

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JULY 12, 2004

A reception for Council member Chris Thorkelson, who is leaving for Wales and has resigned from the Town Council, was held in the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson then called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Thorkelson
Absent: Haddad, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of June 28, 2004 as presented.

So passed. Two abstentions: Paterson, Blair

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments from the Public.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

The Town Manager reported that the process continues. There is a report on the residential well monitoring program as requested by a council member.

2. University Spring Weekend

The Town Manager handed out a copy of an email he received from the University on the results of the arrests of students during the Final Four and Spring Weekend incidents.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to establish a sub committee of the Town Council appointed by the Mayor to discuss incidents of disruption in town and on campus by University students and to report back on September 30, 2004 to the Council. Mr. Clouette, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Blair expressed their willingness to serve on the committee.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Child and Adult Care Food Program Application for Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, effective July 12, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to submit the attached application to the Connecticut Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), to help fund the food service operation at the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to execute any related grant documents.

So passed unanimously.

4. Proclamation in Honor of the Life and Memory of William Rosen

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Ms. Blair seconded that Mayor Paterson issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of the Life and Memory of William Rosen.

The Mayor spoke on the lifetime of service Bill had given to the Town and of his dedication as a member of the Town Council. He will be remembered with fondness and admiration.

So passed unanimously.

5. Fiscal Year 2004/05 Wage Adjustment for Nonunion Personnel

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective July 12, 2004 to increase the pay grades in the Town Administrators Pay Plan by 2.75 percent, retroactive to July 1, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

6. Southeast School Playscape

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective July 12, 2004, to authorize the Director of Finance to establish a capital project for the Southeast School Playscape in the amount of \$37,000, to be funded with a \$17,000 community contribution and a transfer from the general fund of \$20,000

Motion so passed unanimously.

7. Mr. Thorkelson and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective July 12, 2004 to authorize town staff to perform the following: 1) revise the Mansfield Community Center program registration procedure to eliminate the distinction between resident and non-resident members and 2) appropriate up to \$10,000 from the Capital and Non-recurring Fund to finance an architectural study to look at facility space enhancements and related options for the Community Center.

So passed. 5 Yes, 1 No. Mr. Paulhus voted against.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that staff be directed to come up with the principles of the fee schedule for the Community Center and to give reasons for its structure. It should be based on marketing ability, appeal and equal access.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Alison Blair attended the dedication ceremony of the flagpole in front of the Community Center. This was given by and dedicated to James A Campettele, CSM.

Mr. Paulhus asked where the additional parking was going to be for the Community Center. Town Manager answered his question, item #10.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that the memberships as of 7/12 were up to 2672.

The Town Manager talked about the high cost of Health Insurance for Town employees. He is continuing to talk and work on this long-term cost Issue.

Staff continues to work on a Small Cities Application for the Downtown Project.

The STEAProgram has been approved by the state. The staff is in the process of submitting a follow-up partnership grant

The Town has not received notification of the Open Space Acquisition Grant for the Dorwart property.

Tax collections in June are up in Town.

The EIE for the University Hazardous Waste Storage facility has been completed and the project should begin this summer.

The Mayor reminded everyone that there is a Fall Festival to be held in the Downtown area on September 18, 2004 from 2-6 p.m.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. The Willimantic Chronicle-Obituary for William Rosen

9. M. Berliner re: Mansfield Retirement Community

10. G. Padick re: Additional Parking at Town Office/Community Center

11. M. Hart re: Accessible Drive-up Mailbox

Council member Hawkins applauded the efforts of Mr. Hart to have the U.S. Postal Service place a drive-up Mailbox in the driveway of the Municipal Building.

12. S. Bysiewicz re: Notice of Democratic Primary
13. L. Schilling re: University of Connecticut-Consumer Confidence Report 2003
14. The Hartford Courant-"New Haven Places 2nd in Population"

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk